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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a request for filing a Rule 1.60 continuation of copending application S.N. 08/311,050 filed September 23, 1994.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 8, 9, 13, 14 and 17-44.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5-7, 10-12, 15 and 16 as follows:

--1. (Amended) An optical pickup apparatus comprising:

a light source;

an objective lens for focusing light ray[s] flux emitted from said light source on an

optical recording medium;

a quarter-wave  $[(\lambda/4)]$  plate located between said light source and said optical

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